

March 8th, 2012

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on Thursday, March 8th, 2012 with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Deputy Supervisor; Thomas Kinsella, Daniel Cochran and Walter E. Chandler, Councilman. Richard Rowland, Supervisor was absent. Also present was Town Counsel Mark Schachner, Highway Supt. Walter Barss, one reporter and approximately 12 residents.

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Supervisor at 7:30 PM and opened with the pledge to the flag. On motion of Chandler, C. and seconded by Kinsella, C., the minutes of 2/9/2012 were approved as submitted by all Board members present.

Notification from the Saratoga County Department of Public Works informing the Town that they will be reconstructing County Road 25 (Spier Falls Road) from Route 9N to Lincoln Mountain Road.

Check in the amount of \$17,007.99 from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Federal portion of the reimbursement of expenses incurred during Hurricane Irene. Highway Supt. Barss stated that the Town sustained some erosion and tree damage during the storms. His office filled out the necessary paperwork and applied for reimbursement to help cover the costs incurred by the Town.

Deputy Supervisor Pemrick noted that the main topic of discussion this evening was obviously the Emergency Squad agreement. He stated that he was going to rearrange the agenda to handle the other smaller items first. He would then come back and offer public comment on the Emergency Squad agreement prior to the Board going into executive session to discuss the contracts individually with the representatives of the squads.

Seasonal Part Time Park Position - Town Clerk provided the Board with copies of the 8 applications that were received. Deputy Supervisor Pemrick suggested that Board members review the applications and each recommend 4 out of the group that they would like to interview and come to an agreement as to who the 4 would be. They could then set up interviews for perhaps prior to the next agenda meeting. Board members felt that Channon should participate in the interview process as well.

UDAG Committee Vacancy - Deputy Supervisor Pemrick stated that no applications have been received to date. Board members suggested that the Town Clerk place another add with applications due back by April 12th, 2012.

Mass Gathering Permit - Butch Duffney, President of the Greenfield Community Business Association was present. He stated that the GCBA was beginning to put together the plans for their fourth annual car show to be held on June 10th and they were looking for permission to hold the show at the Middle Grove Park this year. They would like to try and make it more of a community event and possibly kick off the Farmers Market for the Historical Society. If the Board gives them approval to use the Park then they would complete the application for the Mass Gathering Permit, including a map of the Park with a layout of the event. In addition, they would obtain a rider on their insurance. Board members were in agreement with the use of the Park. Mr. Duffney will go ahead and put together all the paperwork for the Mass Gathering Permit and come back to the Board at the next meeting.

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Spring Clean Up - Highway Supt. Barss stated that they would like to schedule the Clean Up Week for April 14th to April 22nd. He stated that the Board would have to decide if they were going to accept tires or not. He added that they will also be able to accept computer equipment and electronics. There is a company that will take these items at no cost to the Town. Board members in agreement to accept tires again this Spring with a limit of 4 per household.

RESOLUTION # 51 – Schedule Spring Clean Up

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be directed to advertise for the Spring Clean Up Week to be held April 14th to April 22nd, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that computer equipment and electronics will be accepted, along with a maximum of 4 tires per household.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Absent: Rowland

RESOLUTION # 52 – Temporary Closing of Roads for Vehicles Over Four Tons

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk give notice of the following:

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Subdivision II of Section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Town Board of the Town of Greenfield hereby directs and orders that all Town roads will be temporarily closed to any and all vehicles having a gross weight of over four tons.

Such temporary restrictions will become effective when notices are posted on the highways and continue until such time as conditions will permit opening.

Further notice is hereby given that any person or persons violating this order shall be subject to punishment as provided in Section 1800 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

By order of the Town Board.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran

Noes: None

Absent: Rowland

Abstained: Chandler

RESOLUTION # 53 – Declare Surplus Equipment at Brookhaven Park

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That the following be items be declared as surplus and sold for scrap:

1974 Fairway Mower

1971 Greens Mower

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Absent: Rowland

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RESOLUTION # 54 – Establish Petty Cash for Golf Pro Shop

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby establishes a Petty Cash fund in the amount of \$300.00 for the Golf Pro Shop.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None Absent: Rowland

RESOLUTION # 55 – Community Center Use Request

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Kinsella, C.

RESOLVED, That Girls Scout Troop #3025, Troop Leader Amy Hoge, be authorized to use the Community Center for a function on March 26th, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None Absent: Rowland

Monthly reports were received by the Town Justices, Town Clerk, Dog Control (Jan. & Feb.), Highway Supt., Building Dept. (Jan & Feb.), UDAG Revolving Loan Fund and the Town Supervisor.

Annual report for the year 2011 was submitted by the Building Department.

RESOLUTION # 56 – Highway Bills

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That Highway Bills # 37 to # 65 in the amount of \$63,553.09 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None Absent: Rowland

RESOLUTION # 57 – General Bills

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That General Bills # 96 to # 146 in the amount of \$25,131.10 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None Absent: Rowland

RESOLUTION # 58 – Park Bills

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

RESOLVED, That Park Bills # 25 to # 38 in the amount of \$5,378.44 be paid, subject to audit.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None Absent: Rowland

Deputy Supervisor Pemrick, stated that at this time the Board would entertain any public comment regarding the Board's consideration of the emergency squad agreement. Anyone interested should come up to the podium and give their name.

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Once public comments are completed, the Board will be going into executive session to discuss the contracts with each of the groups and spend some time going over the contract. A decision regarding this matter may or may not be made this evening.

Tim Kemp, 39 Hemlock Drive - Mr. Kemp stated that he was a resident of the Town for the past 21 years. He grew up in a rural area in Pennsylvania. Mr. Kemp reflected on the evolution of technology beginning in the 1960's to present day. He noted that in the 1980's Emergency Squads began to form and individuals started to train to be EMT's. By the 1990's, paramedics were becoming more and more prevalent. Beginning in the 2000's it became essential for emergency squads to have paramedics. Today, everything is technology driven. Mr. Kemp stated that he was very familiar with Wilton Emergency Squad. He worked with them on calls when he was volunteering with the Saratoga Emergency Squad. He stated that they are on the cutting edge of technology. He felt that it would be a big mistake to go backwards in technology with emergency service for the Town. Mr. Kemp understood that the Town may have to pay more for this service. He added that the Town should have been paying more for many years and they have been getting a bargain for the last 13 years. He felt that it was important to spend the extra money even if it meant that the taxes had to be raised.

Mike Chandler, Greenfield Fire District Commissioner - Mr. Chandler stated that the Board has heard all of their concerns. He stated over the last few months there have been several rather important calls and the time frames for waiting for an ambulance with mutual aid is basically a band aid. The firemen know this and are doing what they can to help the Town out. He encouraged the Board to make a decision regarding the emergency squad agreement as soon as possible. Mr. Chandler added that the fire department will work with whoever the Board chooses to contract with.

On motion of Cochran, C. and seconded by Kinsella, C. the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 PM for the purpose of discussing a proposed emergency squad contract. Clerk was not present for session and no minutes were filed.

On motion of Chandler, C. and seconded by Cochran, C., the Board returned to regular session at 9:45 PM.

Deputy Supervisor Pemrick thanked everyone for their patience and thanked the two emergency squad groups who spent time discussing their proposals with the Board. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding this very difficult situation. Kinsella, C. also thanked the groups for their proposals. He stated both agencies meet the Dept. of Health requirements for providing ambulance service. A lot of questions that the Board had were cleared up during the questions and answers sessions with each group in the executive session. Kinsella, C. stated that this would be a 1 year contract that would expire at the end of this calendar year. There are elements in the proposals that would allow the Board to look at response times and performance of the provider so that the Board can make an assessment as to whether or not they met the Town standards. He added that the Board looked at what was in the budget for this year and the long term financial goals that they have. Chandler, C. stated that he thought the proposal from Wilton EMS was terrific. He wanted to honor the fire company and what they are doing for the community. However, the Town would have to do a lot of legal work in order to enter that agreement. This would be a major change and it would require a lot of work to

have an ambulance housed here in the Town. This is something that the Board would be open to discussion for the future. There is a need for ambulance service immediately. Chandler, C. did not feel that the Town could just rely on mutual aid. Cochran, C. thanked Wilton EMS for their proposal. He stated that it was very professional and well thought out. He believed that their best interest was in our Town as well.

RESOLUTION # 59 – Award 2012 Emergency Squad Contract

Motion: Kinsella, C.

Seconded: Chandler, C.

RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby contracts with Empire Ambulance Service at the prorated rate of \$37,500. for remainder of the 2012 calendar years contingent upon the review and approval of the contract by Town Counsel.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Kinsella, Cochran, Chandler

Noes: None

Absent: Rowland

On motion of Cochran, C. and seconded by Kinsella, C., the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Town Clerk